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SUBJECT: UR-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: VISITS BY US SCIENTISTS

TO NORTHERN REGIONS: 02.05-21

DEPT PASS EPA FOR WILLIAM BROWN

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REF: STATE 71829, BROWN/DARBYSHIRE TELCON OF JULY 16, BROWN/
GOSNELL TELECON OF 19 JULY.

1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO EPA FOR WILLIAM
BROWN, US EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

2. SCIOFF SPOKE JULY 19 WTH STEPANOV AT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT WAS TO ARRANGE VISA AUTHORIZATIONS FOR
OUTCALT, HOFFMAN, RAUSCH, AND THE NADLERS. STEPANOV CONFIRMED
THAT VISA AUTHORIZATION SENT BY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES FOR OUTCALT
FOR PERIOD JULY 27 DO AUGUST 9 ONLY. STEPANOV AWARE THAT OUTCALT
PLANNING ATTEND SYMPOSIUM IN LENINGRAD PRIOR TO JULY 27 AND NOTED
THAT THIS PORTION OF TRAVEL MUST BE ACCOMMODATED BY VISA OBTAINED
SEPARATELY FROM INTOURIST. STEPANOV DECLINED TO TRANSMIT AUTHORI-
ZATION FOR ETA IN USSR BEFORE JULY 27.

3. SCIOFF THEN SPOKE WITH CHERCHENKO OF HYDROMET. CHERCHENKO
ADVISED THAT HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH KAZAKOV, WHO HAD
PREVIOUSLY CONSULTED WITH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (AS KAZAKOV HAD
PROMISED TO DO DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SCIOFF DURING
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INTERVAL IN REF TELECON). CHERCHENKO NOTED THAT AGREEMENT HAD

PREVIOUSLY BEEN REACHED WITH BROWN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW THAT OUTCALT SHOULD OBTAIN INTOURIST VISA FOR SYMPOSIUM PORTION OF TRAVEL TO USSR.

4. STEPANOV OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ADVISED THAT VISA AUTHORIZATIONS ALREADY SENT FOR ISSUANCE TO RAUSCH WITH ETA USSR JULY 29 AND FOR HOFFMAN AND NADLERS WITH ETA USSR AUGUST 1. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF THESE ETA DATES INACCURATE.

5. FOR LENINGRAD: BROWN 19 JULY ADVISED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED VISA FOR OUTCALT TO ATTEND SYMPOSIUM ("INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE" IN LENINGRAD, AND THAT OUTCALT WILL ARRIVE LENINGRAD 21 JULY AT 2050 ON SU 632 FROM HELSINKI. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT OUTCALT HAS NOT RPT NOT CONTACTED INTOURIST (VISA WAS APPARENTLY ISSUED BY SOVEMBASSY ON STRENGTH OF LETTER FROM US DEPT OF INTERIOR OFFICIAL; BROWN HAS NO REMEMBRANCE OF AGREEMENT ON INTOURIST DESCRIBED BY CHERCHENKO), IT MAY WELL BE THAT NO RESERVATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR OUTCALT FOR THE CONFERENCE. BROWN WILL HAVE REFTEL REPEATED FOR LENINGRAD, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE LENDINGRAD SPONSORSHIP INFO ON THE CONFERENCE. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO HVE KAZAKOV INTERVENE WITH INTOURIST OFFICES HERE.
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